

The Ballad of Jenny Whittaker

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a capella

The musical score is written for a single voice part in a capella. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The score consists of ten staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics tell the story of Jenny Whittaker, a woman who was hanged for witchcraft. The music is a simple ballad style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

As I rode out on a morn__ing, I heard a wom-an cry; and I
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followed the sounds till I tracked her down be - neath an aut - umn sky. "Why
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do you weep, young wo__man? how may I help," said I; "There's
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nought that you, or an - other can do" she ans-tered with a sigh. "Oh, my
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name is Jenn - y Whitt-a-ker, my moth - er's name was Jill; She was
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racked and stretched, now she hangs for a witch, just there on yon - der hill.
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My moth - er was a heal__er, she
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My moth - er's moth - er nev - er missed a birth, she was
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worked with hyss - op and rue; penn - y - royal, com - frey,
burned in twen__ty - three; now my fath__er's wife has
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cam - o - mile, bu - gloss and fev - er - few. and they came to her at
lost her life and the only one left is me. And I heard of a town in
mid__ night and dragged her from her bed, those
Sax - on - y where all/of the wom - en but one were

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church - ly thieves with their mor - als like leaves that
put to the fire; but my horr - or grows higher when I

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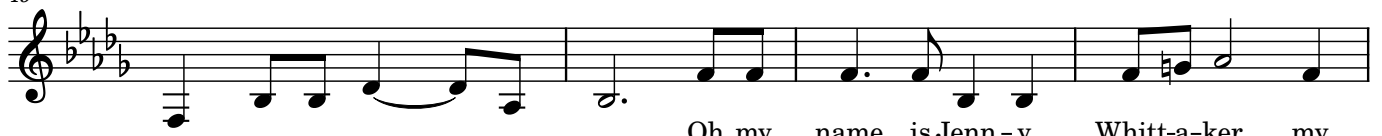
float on the wind when dead.
think on that one left alone And it seems to me such wick-ed ness - that

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we be treat. ed so, and I fear for my daught - er's daugh - ters in a

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world that will bring them low. Oh, my name is Jenn - y Whitt - a - ker, my

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tale is sad but true. Oh, do not scorn, my friends be warned; they could

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one day come for you.